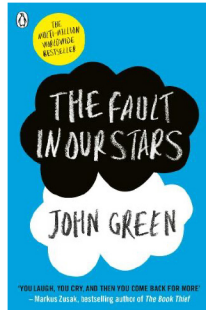


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The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

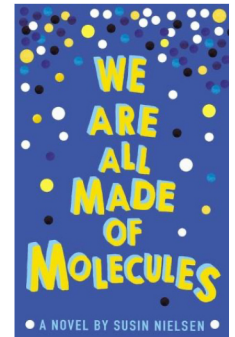
A must-read for older teens, this is a stunning story of love in the face of desperate adversity. When terminally ill Hazel meets Augustus the short time she has left to live changes course in ways she could never have imagined.

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We Are All Made of Molecules by Susin Nielsen

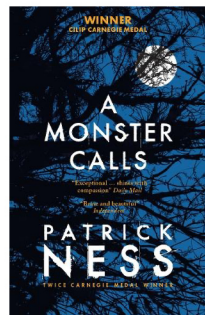
Stewart has a slightly different perspective on life to those around him. He finds life difficult enough before he is thrown together with his new stepsister, the extrovert and social magnet Ashley. Life gets even more interesting at school... Funny and heartwarming, this is a great book to promote resilience and challenge bullying.



12+

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

An award-winning young adult novel about Conor, a teenager who has the same dream – or nightmare – every night. But this time, when he wakes up, there's an otherworldly creature from his dream right outside his window. The creature demands one thing – the truth about everything.

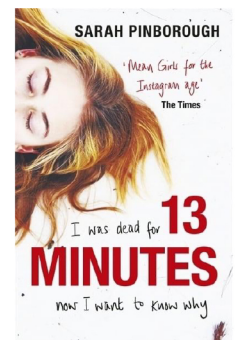


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13 minutes: A Novel by Sarah Pinborough

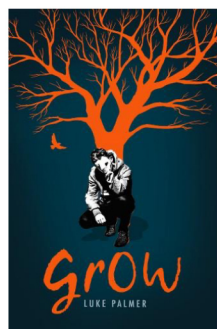
Dead for 13 minutes, Natasha doesn't know how it happened or how she got there. But she is determined to find out. A gripping mystery page-turner set in a nasty and manipulative teenage world. A pacy read for students in Year 10.

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Grow by Luke Palmer

When Josh's father is murdered in a terrorist atrocity, he finds himself both picked out and fascinated by extreme racists who milk his grief and misfortune. He finds himself in a situation where righting wrongs challenges the status quo and not even he is sure which path he will take. With subtle nuance this startling novel will challenge both educators and teenagers – Grow is a gift for KS4 teachers and pastoral coordinators looking for ways to embed PREVENT strategies that will resonate with pupils.

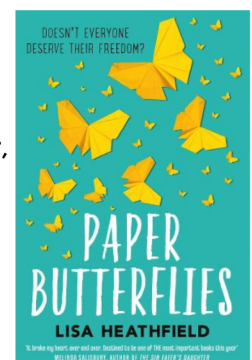


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Paper Butterflies by Lisa Heathfield

A heartbreaking story about June, who feels trapped in her life full of secrets and lies. She longs to escape, and when she meets Blister, she thinks she might have – but her new hope has unimaginable consequences. Very sad and moving.

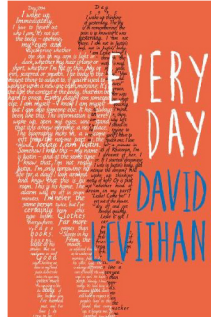
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Every Day by David Levithan

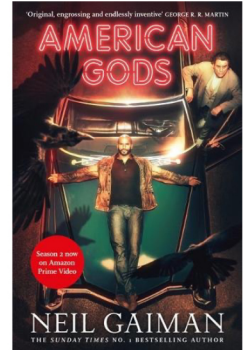
This thought-provoking story follows 'A', who wakes up each day in a different body. 'A' knows not to change things or get too involved, until one day 'A' meets Rhiannon, who changes everything.



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American Gods by Neil Gaiman

A gripping, yet peculiar, story about a man who is released from prison and meets a man who claims to be a godlike King of America. Together, they start to solve murders, sort problems, and make the country great by telling everyone what they want to hear. The climax builds with a storm of biblical proportions.



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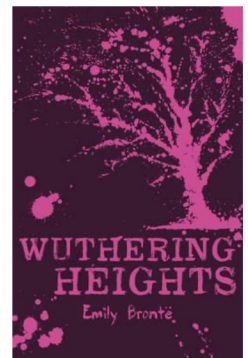
Rose Sees Red by Cecil Castellucci

A stunning short novel set in Manhattan in the 1980s. A Russian and an American ballet dancer embark on a blossoming friendship despite political and cultural differences. Beautifully written. 12+



Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë

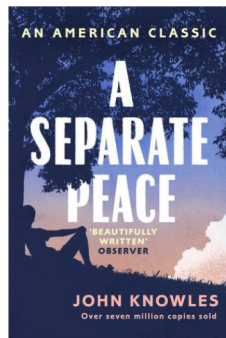
A classic love story following the intertwining lives of Catherine and Heathcliff. Spanning many years and life-changing events, this story of passion, revenge, and betrayal is a classic which has stood the test of time. An ideal Year 10 text.



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A Separate Peace by John Knowles

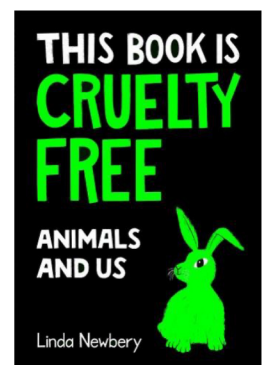
A modern classic exploring the world of introverted teenager Gene who lives out WW2 at boarding school and his polar opposite Phineas who is carefree and dangerous. A must read YA novel.



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This Book is Cruelty Free by Linda Newbery

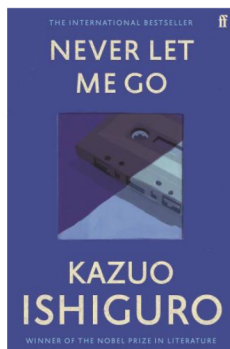
This comprehensive lifestyle guide shows teens in KS3 and KS4 how they can adjust and live their lives in ways that avoid contributing, directly or indirectly, to animal cruelty. Issues including food waste, zoos, wild spaces and meat-eating are discussed with diagrams, poignant quotes, infographics, statistics and lucid text. An ideal primer to familiarise children with key themes in the animal rights debate, this book will both inspire and help pupils form their own opinions.



12+

Never Let me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro

Told as a series of flashbacks, Kathy tried to make sense of her childhood at the seemingly perfect Hailsham School. The story slowly reveals a shocking dystopia that forces the reader to confront the horrors of modern society. A more challenging read for Year pupils.



13+

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Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

The life of Pip is explored in this timeless saga filled with unique and memorable characters about one boy's self-discovery and drive to become a man, despite unremitting adversity.

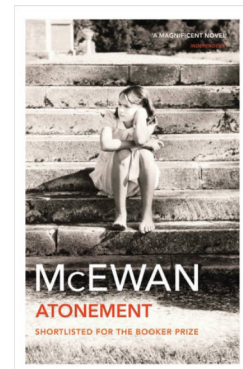
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Atonement by Ian McEwan

13-year-old Briony Tallis stumbles upon something shocking which sets into events a downward spiral and life-changing crime. Can Briony ever put the pieces back together? A modern masterpiece.

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Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier

A downtrodden orphan thinks her life has changed for the better after meeting Maxim de Winter in the South of France in a whirlwind romance. But moving to Cornwall reveals an unexpected ghost from the past and a nemesis in the mysterious housekeeper, Mrs Danvers. What happened to the previous Mrs de Winter? An interesting book to analyse in Year 10 book clubs.

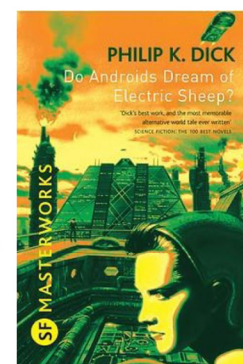


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Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? by Philip K Dick

A must-read classic sci-fi novel. After a devastating world war, Rick Deckard, a ruthless bounty hunter, takes an assignment to beat all others. Promised a huge reward, he soon finds himself in a bad dream of lies, plots, and treachery. A great addition to a Year 10 library.

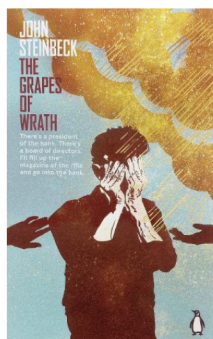
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The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

The Joad family follow their dreams and head to the West Coast of America. Things don't go well for them. A classic in American Fiction, exploring characters, raw emotions; with many parallels to broken society today.

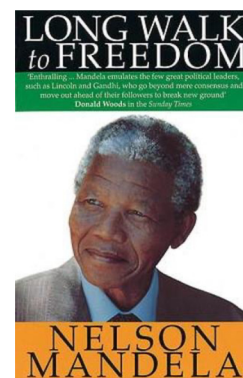
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Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela

A thought-provoking and emotive autobiography which chronicles the first part of Nelson Mandela's life, leading up to his time in captivity. An examination of the triumph of the human spirit over adversity. A great book for discussion in Year 10.

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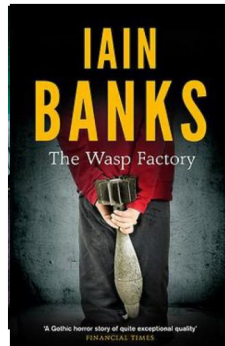


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The Wasp Factory by Iain Banks

16 year old Frank thinks killing various family members was just a stage he was going through. A brilliantly written horror story with strong themes and an unforgettable twist.

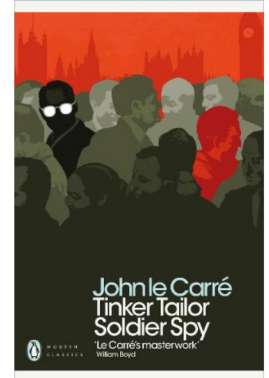
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Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy by John le Carré

A gripping page turner following George Smiley, a calculating and clever Cold War spy tracking an elusive Russian agent.

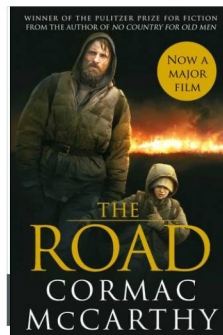
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The Road by Cormac McCarthy

This multi award-winning saga follows father and son on a road trip across a post-apocalyptic American landscape heading for the hope of salvation on the coast. Emotive and easy to read, the characters and their emotional scenes are poignant.

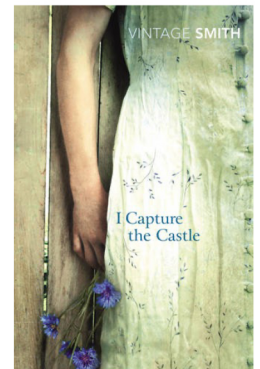
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I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith

Cassandra lives a carefree life in a delapidated castle in the countryside. But her life changes forever when Americans arrive unexpectedly to claim the castle as their inheritance. An interesting book for group discussion in Year 10.

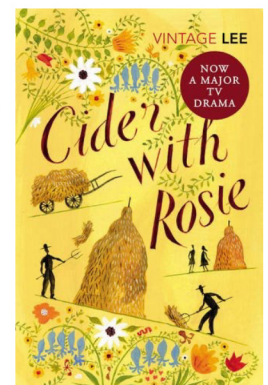
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Cider With Rosie by Laurie Lee

Idyllic childhood memories in the Cotswolds are painted in timeless prose in this evocative reminiscence of growing up in an almost forgotten world.

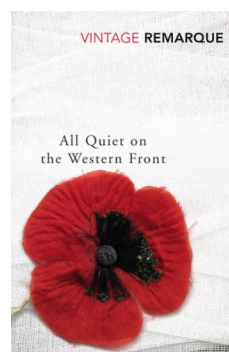
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All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

A dark first-person account, this is a simply told, yet chilling, story of the realities of war. Pressed into action by a fervent and patriotic teacher, Paul soon witnesses conditions in the trenches. A moving story that beautifully illustrates the pointlessness of conflict. Perfect for more advanced readers in Year 10.

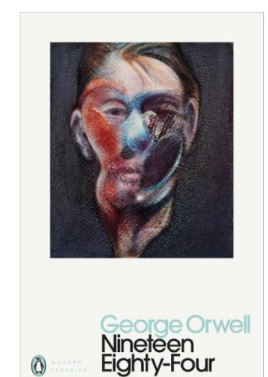
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Nineteen Eighty-Four by George Orwell

The dystopian novel without which the world would not have Big Brother, the Ministry of Truth and the Party. Still highly relevant in the modern world of spin, media and the rise of right wing populism.

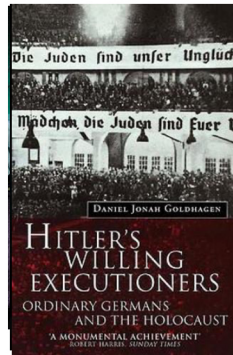
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Hitler's Willing Executioners by Daniel Goldhagen

A book which systematically explores how the human condition can go horribly wrong for seemingly rational reasons. One of those books everyone should try to read before the age of 25. Refreshingly clear and concise, this is an essential read for anyone studying modern European history.

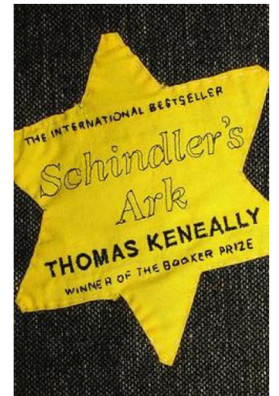


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Schindler's Ark by Thomas Keneally

The book which inspired the film and numerous documentaries, Keneally's account is a touching realisation of determination, adversity, and hope in the unlikely setting.

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Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit by Jeanette Winterson

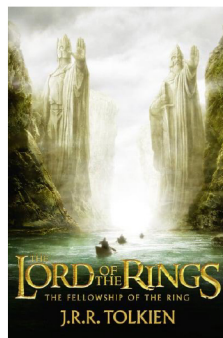
Jeanette is brought up in a strict world of privilege and expectation as one of "God's Elect". But she rebels and leaves the church world at the age of 16 to pursue a dangerous relationship. An ideal book for Year 10 book clubs.

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The Fellowship of the Ring by JRR Tolkien

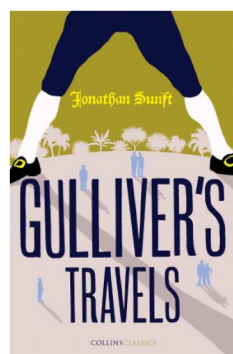
Sauron seeks complete power over Middle Earth by controlling magical rings. But the all-important ring to rule them all is now in the hands of a Hobbit called Frodo. High fantasy in this, the first of three volumes.



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Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift

A fantasy classic which satirizes the eighteenth-century world in which it was written. Gulliver visits the strange and mysterious lands of Lilliput, the Yahoos, and the giants in Brobdingnag. Unique and memorable.



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Midnight's Children by Salman Rushdie

The story of Saleem, one of a thousand children born at exactly midnight. Like the other 999, he finds himself blessed, or cursed with a superpower. A moving story charting India's journey after independence.

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